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In Re Application of:)

Steven N. Towle et al.)

U.S. Serial No: 09/639,625)

Filed: August 15, 2000)

For: Plasma Induced Depletion of)
Fluorine From Surfaces of)
Fluorinated Low-K Dielectric)
Materials)

Examiner: Douglas W. Owens

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In response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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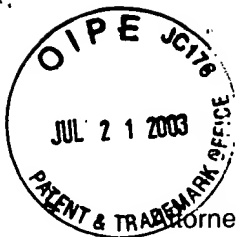
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LOW-K DIELECTRIC MATERIALS
(title)

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SIR: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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